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RURAL DISTRICT
OF
MALMESBURY

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THE

ANNUAL

REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

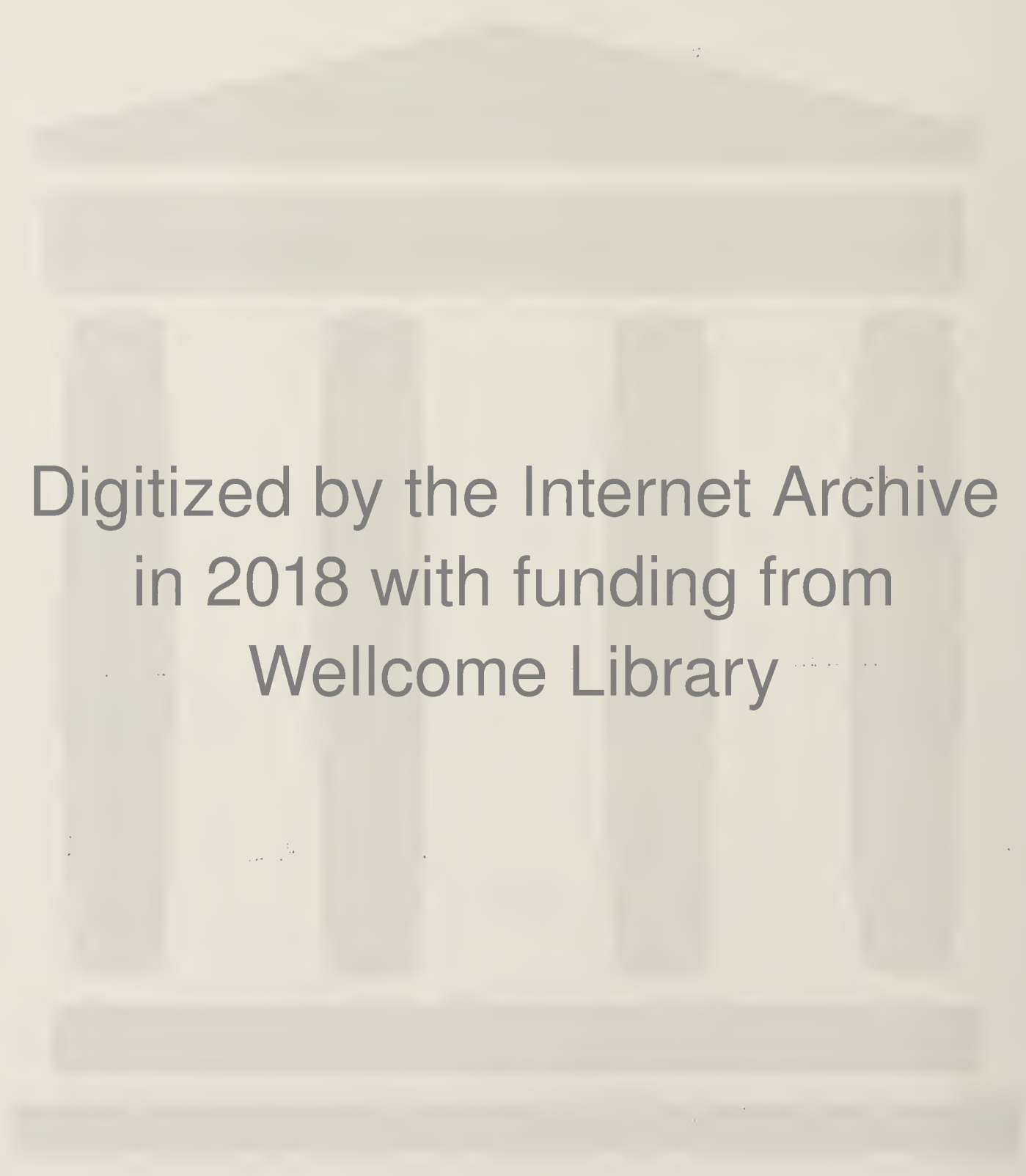
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YEAR

ENDING

31st. DECEMBER,

- 1959 -



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The Public Health Committee of the Council deals with
all matters relating to public health.

The Chairman & members,
Malmesbury Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year ending 31st. December, 1959.

The Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959 require, inter alia, that as soon as practicable after the 31st. December in each year, a Medical Officer of Health shall make an annual report to the Local Authority for the year ending on the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the district, containing in addition to any other matters upon which he may consider it desirable to report, such information as may from time to time be required by the Minister.

The Minister regards these reports as an "essential and valuable appraisal of the state of the public health" and they have a wide distribution, i.e. to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Ministry of Housing & Local Government and H.M. Inspector of Factories.

Much of the content of this report must of necessity be obtained from other departments of the Council, i.e. from Mr. Pierce, the Council's Senior Public Health Inspector and Surveyor and Mr. Campbell, the Water Manager.

It is only on receipt of reports from these officers and the vital statistics from the Registrar General that the required appraisal and report can be made.

It is gratifying to report that the Rural District enjoyed complete freedom from the more serious infections such as Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis and Food Poisoning during the year.

Although the death rate is somewhat higher than that of 1958, it should be appreciated that the rate for 1958 was lower than usual. As usual, the main causes of death were, Cancer, Coronary Disease and Heart Disease.

Full details on the incidence of Tuberculosis will be found in the substance of this report. Close co-operation is maintained with the County Medical Officer and the Chest Physician in all matters relating to this serious infection. The Pulmonary notification rate per 1000 population during the year was 0.3; a figure which compares favourably with the rate, i.e. 0.28 per 1000 for the County of Wiltshire.

Comment is also made on the water supplies in the Rural District and the means of sewage disposal and future schemes and housing statistics.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

C.L. BROOMHEAD.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

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Area (in acres)	58,090
Population	10,270
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1959 according to the Rate Book)	3082
Rateable Value 31.12.59.	£109,019
Sum represented by the Penny Rate	£438

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	87	93	180
Illegitimate	2	4	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>186</u>

Crude Birth Rate for the District	18.1
Adjusted Birth Rate for the District	per 1000 of the population
Comparative Rate for England & Wales	18.6
	per 1000 of the population
	16.5

The Birth Rate for 1959 is slightly less than the rate given for 1958 which was 19.7 (adjusted) per 1000 of the population.

Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area are included in the population figure shown under the heading "General Statistics". To make an approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from England & Wales as a whole, the crude birth and death rates for the Rural District are to be multiplied by a "comparability factor" given by the Registrar General. The above statistics have been so corrected.

STILL BIRTHS.

One still birth was recorded during 1959. The rate per 1000 total live and still births is 5.3 . . . The comparative rate for England & Wales for 1959 is given as 20.7.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age.

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Four of the above children died during their first week of live and the remaining two children died during the first four weeks of life.

Rate per 1000 live births	32.3
Comparative rate for England & Wales	22.0

DEATHS

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Deaths recorded in the Rural District during 1959 were as follows:-

Males	Females	Total.
65	56	121

Crude Death Rate for the District	11.7
Adjusted Death Rate for the District	11.9
Comparative rate for England & Wales	11.6

The death rate for 1959 is considerably higher than the rate (adjusted) for 1958 which was given as 7.7 per 1000 of the population. This increase has been occasioned principally to a rise in the number of deaths due to Cancer, Heart Disease and Coronary Disease.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, Breast	1	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	5	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	11	16
Coronary disease angina	11	6	17
Hypertension with heart disease	2	2	4
Other heart disease	10	11	21
Other circulatory disease	4	2	6
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	-	3	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	2	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis, Nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	1	7
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
All other accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	2	-	2
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	65	56	121

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

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The following table shows the cases of infectious disease notified during 1959 with comparative figures for each year since 1955.

	1955		1956		1957		1958		1959	
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
Scarlet Fever	6	5	2	2	5	5	-	-	4	4
Whooping Cough	37	37	9	9	11	11	13	13	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	180	180	7	7	266	266	68	68	66	66
Ac. Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	1	1	1	15	13	1	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para. Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	8	8	1	1	8	8	1	1	-	-
Food Poisoning.	1	-	3	-	-	4	4	-	-	-
TOTALS :-	234	231	23	20	291	291	104	100	71	71

Apart from a minor outbreak of Measles, it is gratifying to record that the Rural District enjoyed freedom from infectious diseases enumerated in the above table.

"a" = Numbers originally notified.

"b" = Final numbers after correction.

TUBERCULOSIS.

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New cases of Tuberculosis notified and confirmed by the Chest Physician during 1959 are as follows, together with comparative figures for previous years since 1949.

NEW CASES NOTIFIED DURING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PULMONARY</u>	<u>NON-PULMONARY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1949	3	-	3
1950	3	4	7
1951	6	-	6
1952	3	2	5
1953	8	-	8
1954	7	4	11
1955	5	-	5
1956	4	-	4
1957	2	1	3
1958	7	1	8
1959	4	2	6

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1959
ACCORDING TO AGE & SEX.

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	<u>RESP.</u>		<u>NON-RESP.</u>		<u>RESP.</u>		<u>NON-RESP.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
<u>AGE PERIODS.</u>								
0								
1							1	
5			1					
15	1	1		1				
25	1			1				
35					1			
45						1		
55						1		
65 upwards.								
TOTALS:-	3	1	-	2	1	2	1	-

The Analysis of Causes of Death shown on page of this report shows one death due to respiratory tuberculosis and one death due to other forms of tuberculosis, whereas the above table shows three deaths from respiratory tuberculosis and one death from non-respiratory tuberculosis. The reason for this is that the primary cause of death in respect of one male and one female shown above, was not due to tuberculosis.

The environment of all new cases of tuberculosis is investigated by the Health Inspector, and in certain cases a recommendation is made to the Council for the rehousing of the patient and his family. Contacts of all notified cases of tuberculosis come under the surveillance of the County Chest Physician.

In addition to the new cases notified each year, a certain proportion of tuberculous persons either move into the district or move out. According to the Register of Tuberculous Persons, the following notified and confirmed cases were living in the Rural District at the end of 1959.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary	24	26	50
Non-Pulmonary	8	7	15
TOTAL	32	33	65

The following information concerning Water Supplies has been supplied by Mr. Campbell, Water Manager.

SOURCES Corston situate in village of Corston near Mill Inn.

10" diameter borehole to depth of 100 feet. 8" diameter submersible pump 28 H.P. of 12,500 gallons capacity per hour, automatically controlled. Supply is pumped to Rodbourne Tower, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from pump house, T.W.L. 390' and 150,000 gallons capacity.

Charlton situate in Charlton Park, covered spring basin with pumping station adjacent. Duplicate 23 H.P. Centrefugal electric pumping units each of 10,000 gallons per hour capacity automatically controlled from water tower.

Supply is pumped to Whychurch Tower, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from pump house, T.W.L. 390' and 100,000 gallons capacity.

YIELD (Present pumping units)

	<u>Average daily demand - galls.</u>	<u>Maximum pumping</u>
Corston	200,000	264,000
Charlton	86,000	198,000

TREATMENT Both supplies are chlorinated and samples are taken weekly for bacteriological examination. All samples of the water in supply to the public have been reported by the Laboratory as satisfactory.

BULK SUPPLIES FROM ADJOINING AUTHORITIES.

Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural District Council.
Bulk supplies afforded to the Parishes of Brinkworth, Minety and part of Charlton approximately 36,000,000 gallons per annum.

Malmesbury Borough Council. - Bulk supplies afforded to Bristol Road and Foxley Road areas in the parish of St. Paul Malmesbury Without, approximately, 4,400,000 gallons per annum.

Bulk Supply afforded to Calne & Chippenham Rural District Council

Malmesbury Rural District Council afford a bulk supply to the village of Seagry of approximately 16,800,000 gallons per annum.

Supply in detail.

The Bristol Water Works Co. (West Gloucestershire Division) supply the following parishes in the Rural District in detail:- Brokenborough, Foxley and Norton, Luckington, Sherston and Sopworth.

Private Supplies

Chelworth - Windmill supply from well situate near Pinnigar Bottom, Crudwell supplying 5 farms and 17 houses and cottages. The supply is chlorinated.

Chedglow - source, borehole situated at Tuners Lane, Crudwell. Water raised to tower at Chedglow Farm, supplying one farm and 14 houses and cottages - not chlorinated.

Easton Grey Well supply situate near River Avon at Bransdown Bottom, Easton Grey. Water is raised to storage tank situate in Westonbirt Road, supplies 1 farm and 30 houses & cottages. Supply chlorinated.

- Charlton - Estate supply from mains fed from Charlton spring basin, supplying two farms, 19 houses and cottages and estate buildings. Not chlorinated.
- Pinkney Estate supply from well near River Avon, Pinkney supplying Pinkney Park House cottages and buildings. Not chlorinated.
- Willesley Supplied in detail by Westonbirt Estate piped to village and serving two farms and 21 houses. Supply chlorinated at source.
- Eastcourt Well supply pumped to storage tank supplying Eastcourt House, 1 farm and 10 houses and cottages. Not chlorinated.

Adequacy of Sources

- Corston Source No shortage was experienced at this source and normal pumping level was maintained in borehole throughout the year.
- Charlton Source Although the level of the spring chamber dropped during the period August to November, pumping was maintained at normal rate.

New Works under construction during year

- (i) A 3" diameter main was laid a distance of 1½ miles to supply Foxley Road and Portmeadow area in the parish of St. Paul Malmesbury Without.
- (ii) A 3" diameter main extension was carried out at Hankerton Road, Minety a distance of 500 yards to afford a supply to Cloatley Farm and fields.
- (iii) A section of 3" diameter main was laid and a further section of 2" main relaid with 3" diameter pipes from The Green to St. James' housing scheme, Dauntsey, a total length of 1,080 yards.

Distribution

The parishes of Brinkworth, Minety and part of Charlton are supplied in bulk from the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett R.D.C. from mains of 4", 3" and 2" diameter.

The parishes of Brokenborough, Foxley and Norton, Luckington, Sherston and Sopworth and within the statutory area of The Bristol Waterworks Co. who supply in detail.

The Foxley Road and Portmeadow areas and Bristol Road are supplied in bulk from Malmesbury Borough Council by 3" diameter mains.

The remainder of the parishes in the District are supplied from the Corston and Charlton sources through the service towers at Rodbourne and Whychurch by 8", 7", 6", 4" and 3" diameter mains.

General Statistics.

Population.	10,270
Private houses owned by Service	
Departments	170
Total houses	3,245
Houses supplied by Rural District Cncl.	2,128
Houses supplied by other Authorities	804
Private supplies	129
Total houses supplied with water	3,061 = 94.33%
Estimated population supplied:	
By Rural District Council	69.90%
" Other Authorities	25.39%
" Private Supplies	3.83%
	<u>97.12%</u>

New connections made during year 25

No Plumbo-solvency properties present.

	Houses in Parish	Houses directly supplied	Popul- ation supplied	Private piped supplies	Population on private piped supplies
Brinkworth	319	315	1030		
Brokenborough	133	132	429		
Charlton	128	109	380	19	60
Crudwell	221	145	458	52	156
Dauntsey	137	137	420		
Easton Grey	34	4	12	30	90
Gt. Somerford	172	164	498		
Hankerton	68	43	150		
Hullavington	264	245	790		
Lea & Cleverton	177	164	553		
Lt. Somerford	86	86	273		
Luckington	157	148	481		
Minety	249	246	790	2	6
Foxley & Norton	47	42	130		
Oaksey	148	126	400	3	10
St. Paul Without	472	437	1460		
Sherston	397	353	1147	23	69
Sopworth.	36	36	117		
	3245	2932	9518	129	391

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Samples of water from the Council's two principle water sources at Corston and Charlton have been taken at regular intervals during the year for bacteriological examination. Both sources have yielded a potable and adequate supply and no harmful pollution therefrom has been reported by the Public Health Laboratory.

Close supervision has been maintained on waters from the small number of private sources, particularly where the supply receives no form of treatment. In a few cases, laboratory reports on the bacteriological examination of such samples have been unsatisfactory and negotiations have taken place with the owners concerned in order that consumers may obtain a supply from the Council's mains, if available. Should this not be possible, advice on the condition of the water and the safeguards to be adopted, are given.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

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During 1959, the following persons were immunised against Poliomyelitis with two injections.

<u>CHILDREN</u> (born 1943-1959)	<u>YOUNG PERSONS</u> (born 1933-42)
414 (913)	185 (35)
<u>EXPECTANT MOTHERS</u>	<u>GENERAL PRACTITIONERS & FAMILIES.</u>
47 (37)	Nil (Nil)
<u>AMBULANCE STAFF & FAMILIES.</u>	<u>DENTISTS & FAMILIES</u>
2 (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
<u>HOSPITAL STAFF</u>	
Nil (Nil).	

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH.

The following children received primary immunisation during 1959.

<u>Under 1 yr.</u>	<u>Ages 1 - 4</u>	<u>Ages 5-14</u>	<u>Total</u>
208	47	11	266

Total immunised child population at 31.12.59

<u>Ages 0-4 yrs</u>	<u>Ages 5-14 yrs</u>	<u>Total</u>
466	1551	2017.

VACCINATION

The following children were vaccinated during 1959.

<u>Under 1 yr.</u>	<u>Ages 1-4 yrs</u>	<u>Ages 5-14 yrs</u>	<u>Ages 15 +</u>
85	5	4	2

TOTAL:- 96

In addition to the above, a further 8 children were re-vaccinated during 1959.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SECTION 47)
Removal to suitable Institutions of Persons
in need of care and attention.

It is gratifying to record that it was not found necessary to effect the compulsory removal of any person under the provisions of the above Act, during the year under review.

REPORT OF SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

R.S. Pierce,	Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.
D.G. Davis,	Deputy Surveyor.
R.T. Baynham,	Additional Public Health Inspector.
J.H. Humphreys (Mrs.)	Clerical Assistant.
G.J. Poulton (Miss)	Clerical Assistant.

HOUSING.

Council Houses.

No Council Houses were completed during the year, but 24 families were accommodated in existing houses through change of tenancy.

The Council own 517 dwellings consisting of:-

24	1	bedroomed bungalows.
43	2	" "
25	2	" houses.
415	3	" "
10	4	" "

A survey of these houses was carried out from which it appeared:-

1. The tenants of 26 houses in villages would like to move to Malmesbury.
2. The tenants of 25 other houses would like to move into 2 bedroomed bungalows.
3. 2 houses are overcrowded by the standards laid down in the Housing Acts.
4. 46 other houses, though not statutorily overcrowded, are not really large enough for the families occupying them.
5. 156 houses are under-occupied.
6. Approximately 90% of the Council's tenants are satisfied with their present accommodation and do not wish to move.

Maintenance and repair of Council Houses has been carried out almost entirely by direct labour, the repair of electrical installations being the only work regularly carried out by Contractors. An additional man, making the labour force 6 in all, has been employed.

The average cost of repair and maintenance was approximately £10.10.0. per house.

Schemes for the improvement of pre-war Council Houses by the installation of hot water systems, water closets, baths, basins etc., have been put in hand.

The works have been completed in the case of 4 houses at Station Road, Minety and 8 houses, The Green, Dauntsey. The latter scheme included a sewage treatment plant to deal with the drainage of 8 Council Houses, 6 Almshouses, School and Schoolhouse.

Work was commenced on the improvement of 8 houses, The Street, Brinkworth, 8 houses at Little Somerford and 12 houses at Knockdown Road, Sherston.

18 garages have been built at Parklands for the use of tenants of the houses and a tender for 14 at Bendy Bow, Oaksey has been accepted.

Private Enterprise Building.

No. of houses completed during the year	23
No. in course of erection	14

Administration of Building Byelaws.

No. of plans submitted for approval	107
No. of plans passed	107
No. of inspections in connection therewith	535

Town and Country Planning Act, 1947.

The Council continued to exercise the powers delegated by the Wilts. County Council with regard to development control.

No. of applications for permission to develop	120
No. approved without conditions	50
No. approved with conditions	42
No. of applications withdrawn	1
No. of applications refused	19
No. of applications not yet determined	8
No. of inspections in connection therewith	152

Temporary Dwellings.

All caravan sites licensed by the Council have been well maintained and are provided with adequate water supplies and sanitary accommodation.

One site is licensed for the stationing of 16 caravans, one site for 4 caravans, three sites for 3 caravans on each and 10 caravans are licensed individually.

No. of inspections	32
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Inspection of Dwellings.

No. of inspections of dwellings for defects under Housing or Public Health Acts	402
No. of dwellings found to be unfit for human habitation	3
No. found to be not in all respects fit	69
No. of dwellings repaired by informal action	60
No. of cases of statutory action	Nil
No. of houses demolished	Nil
No. of houses closed	2
No. of overcrowded dwellings known at end of year	2

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958.House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. Improvement Grants.

The passing of the House Purchase and Housing Act has not resulted in the large number of applications for Standard Grants which was anticipated but applications for Discretionary Grants shew a slight increase over previous years.

Discretionary Grants.

No. of applications received during the year	32
No. of applications approved	32
No. of applications withdrawn	Nil
No. of schemes completed	26
Average grant per dwelling	£313

Standard Grants.

No. of applications received	10
No. of applications approved	10
No. of applications amenities to be provided -	
Baths	9
Basins	8
Hot water supplies	10
Water closets	8
Foodstores	6

WATER.

During the year the following samples from main supplies were taken for bacteriological examination:-

<u>Source</u>	<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Charlton	14	14	-
Chelworth	35	31	4
Corston	5	5	-
Corston/Charlton main	54	54	-
Easton Grey	16	14	2
Minety	12	12	-
Sherston	12	12	-
Westonbirt main	12	12	-
	<u>148</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>6</u>

No. of inspections in connection therewith 183

The unsatisfactory samples from the Chelworth and Easton Grey sources were due to the temporary breakdown of the chlorination plants, and the defects were remedied as soon as possible after detection.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The installation of main water supplies throughout practically the whole of the District, and consequent increase in drainage, makes the need for main sewage schemes greater than ever.

The Council's policy has been to encourage house building by private enterprise and the improvement of older property by the installation of water closets and baths, the only possible drainage outfalls in many cases at present being cesspits or septic tanks. In areas with pervious subsoil effluent disposal by soakage is reasonably efficient but in that part of the District with a clay or water logged subsoil the tendency is growing for ditches and water-courses to become polluted, with consequent complaints from residents in the vicinity.

The increasing use of detergents is making plant maintenance and effluent disposal even more difficult than in the past.

Until such time as sewage schemes can be provided, if houses are to be improved, the occupants must be prepared to accept a certain amount of inconvenience in drainage disposal

The Sherston sewage disposal plant has been well maintained during the year and samples of effluent have been reported to be excellent.

The Hullavington scheme has received final approval and permission to invite tenders and it is anticipated that work will commence early in 1960. The completion of this scheme will eliminate one of the worst cases of pollution in the Rural District, particularly as it has now been decided to include the treatment of drainage from the 8 farms in the village.

A scheme for Great and Little Somerford is in course of preparation and the scheme for that part of St. Paul Without surrounding the Borough of Malmesbury is being revised in the light of existing and proposed development on the Foxley and Bristol Road sides of the town.

No. of inspections in connection with sewage disposal	368
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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Refuse is now collected fortnightly, by direct labour, over the whole of the Rural District, 2 men being employed.

The volume of refuse collected continues to increase and is deposited at 4 tips, Brinkworth and Hullavington (owned by the Council), Sherston and Oaksey (by agreement with the owners).

No serious difficulty has been experienced at the tips, but the finding of new tipping sites when the present ones are full will not be easy. The Brinkworth tip is now full and has been sealed down. There is room at Oaksey for a few months tipping and attempts are being made to obtain an alternative tip.

Too many householders continue to use unsuitable containers for refuse. A covered fly-proof bin should be provided in every case.

Mileage covered by lorries	12,271
No. of inspections in connection with refuse collection and disposal	92

RODENT CONTROL.

Refuse tips have been treated for destruction of rats as required.

Private premises are treated without charge, on request.

No. of properties inspected for infestations	192
No. of properties found to be infested and treated	79
No. of visits in connection therewith	296

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

30 visits were made and the necessary action taken following reported cases of infectious disease.

NUISANCES.

Regular inspections have been made over the District to detect and deal with nuisances. It has not been necessary to recommend the Council to take statutory action in any case, all nuisances having been dealt with informally.

No. of inspections	162
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FOOD INSPECTION.Meat.

1 private slaughterhouse is licensed and there are 3 butchers shops in the District. They are all clean and in good condition. The carcasses of all animals slaughtered were examined.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	52	-	1	51	66	nil
Number inspected	52	-	1	51	66	nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	nil	nil	7	4	nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.85	nil	nil	13.73	6.06	nil
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Generalised and totally condemned.	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

It will be observed that none of the animals slaughtered was found to be affected by Tuberculosis.

Milk.

The Council are responsible for control of the distribution of milk and not for production.

No. of registered Distributors	3
No. of licensed Dealers in Pasteurised milk	3
No. of licensed Dealers in Tuberculin Tested milk	3
No. of Dealers with supplementary licence to use designation Pasteurised	1
No. of Dealers with supplementary licence to use designation Tuberculin Tested	3
No. of inspections of premises	7

Bakehouses.

The 3 bakehouses are clean and generally satisfactory.

Fried Fish Shops.

1 shop is registered for the sale of fried fish and is satisfactory.

Ice-Cream.

No ice-cream is manufactured in the District, and all sold is pre-packed by the Makers.

No. of premises registered for sale of ice-cream	36
No. of inspections	49

Public Houses.

Progress continues to be made in the provision of adequate sanitary conveniences and cleansing facilities in public houses, and most are now satisfactory. 3 public houses were closed during the year.

No. of inspections	40
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Food Hygiene Regulations.

The few mobile vehicles operating in the District are satisfactory though verbal cautions have been given in a few cases. All premises in the District used for the sale of food are generally in good condition and well maintained.

Schedule of Food Premises in the District.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Butchers	3	10
Grocers (including General Stores)	37	56
Bakers	3	8
Public Houses	34	40
Greengrocers	1	1
Fish and Chips	1	2
Restaurants and Canteens	5	9
	<u>84</u>	<u>126</u>

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

All premises were satisfactory, 1 having temporarily ceased to carry on any processing of waste food.

No. of premises processing at the end of the year	6
No. of visits made	10

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM.

All premises used for the storage of petroleum spirit and carbide of calcium are satisfactory.

No. of premises licensed for storage of petroleum spirit	61
No. of premises licensed for storage of carbide of calcium	1
No. of inspections	42

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

During the year the total number of inspections made by Officers of the Department was	3,612
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Prescribed particulars on the administration of the
Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

No. on Register	Inspns. Number of	Written Notices	Prosec- utions.
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PREMISES

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2. Factories not incl- uded in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A.	25	26	Nil	Nil
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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